

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property Name: _____ Inventory Number CH-900

Address: 10955 Demarr Road, Charles County - in the vicinity of White Plains

Owner: Demarr, George L. & Mary E.

Tax Parcel Number: 11 Tax Map Number: 24

Project MD 301 Agency State Highway Administration (SHA)

Site visit by SHA Staff: X no ___ yes Name: _____ Date: _____

Eligibility recommended ___ Eligibility **not** recommended X

Criteria ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D Considerations: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D ___ E ___ F ___ G X None

Is property located within a historic district? X no ___ yes Name of District: _____

Is district listed?: X no ___ yes

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project Review and Compliance Files

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)

The one-and-a-half story, three bays wide vernacular house is a modest folk design with a front-gabled roof. A half-hipped roof projects from the main façade to create a porch. The porch is supported by four wood posts and the porch floor has a concrete block foundation. A five-step stone stoop leads to the porch and main entrance.

Charles County's late 19th- and early 20th-century history is dominated by industrial and urban development. The greatest impact upon community growth came from the railroad. The completion of the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad's (B&P) mainline from Bowie in Prince George's County to Pope's Creek in Charles County in 1872 prompted local entrepreneurs to establish stores and other commercial facilities near the railroad stations. The B&P Railroad also made inland farms accessible, thus, increasing their value and revitalizing the practice of agriculture in Southern Maryland. The B&P Railroad's La Plata station still stands at the intersection of the rail line with Charles Street.

Towards the end of the first quarter of the 20th century, road improvements and developments also contributed to

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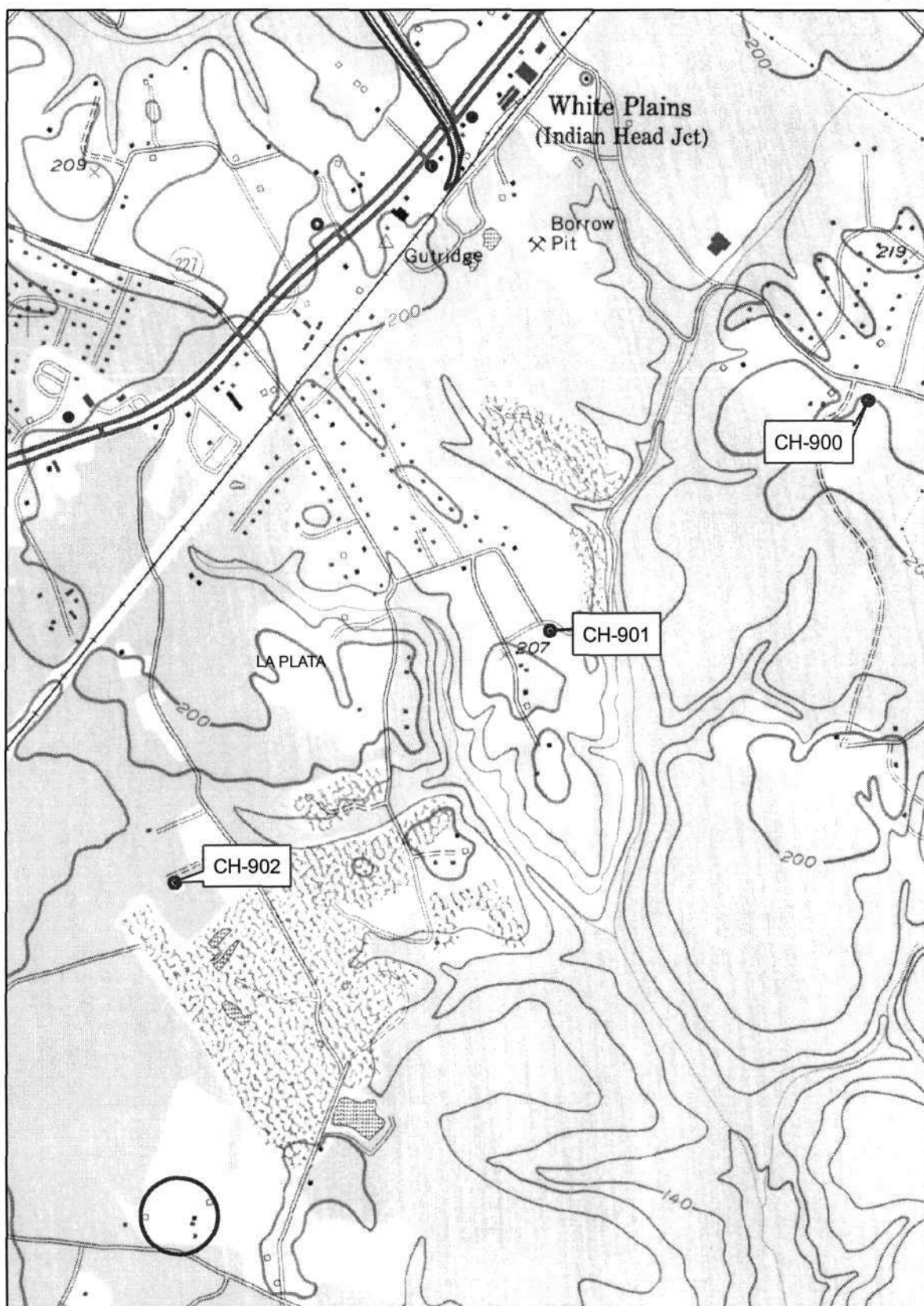
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Charles County's community evolution. In particular, the Robert Crain Highway, later expanded as part of U.S. 301, attracted new development to older communities along its corridor. Crain Highway brought commercial development on La Plata's west side and contributed to the Charles County seat's overall growth in the 1920s and 1930s.

Built circa 1900, this house is not eligible for the National Register. While it is an earlier example of the residential development surrounding U.S. 301, this resource lacks significance related to events, persons, or architecture. Criterion D, information potential, was not assessed for this study.

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View of south elevation

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